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BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company, as a  
Gas Public Utility, for Authority to Construct Natural Gas  
Distribution Facilities in the Town of Bloomfield, Walworth  
County and the Town of Wheatland, Kenosha County,  
Wisconsin

6630-CG-122

**NOTICE OF INVESTIGATION**

**THIS IS AN INVESTIGATION** to consider the December 9, 2002, application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WEPCO), now doing business as We Energies, for authority under Wis. Stat. § 196.49 and Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 133.03 to construct natural gas distribution facilities in the town of Bloomfield, Walworth County and the town of Wheatland, Kenosha County, Wisconsin.

WEPCO is a public utility, as defined in Wis. Stat. § 196.01(5)(a), engaged in the business of distributing and selling natural gas in areas throughout Wisconsin.

WEPCO proposes to construct approximately 7.35 miles of 10-inch, 400 pounds per square inch (psig) steel natural gas main, a new 400 psig to 200 psig pressure regulator station and associated valve assemblies and vaults, and a new 400 psig to 60 psig district regulator station. The estimated cost of the proposed project is \$2,124,800. WEPCO states that the new gas main, regulator station and district regulator station would allow WEPCO to improve the reliability of its natural gas distribution system in southeastern Walworth and western Kenosha counties. The proposed new gas main would be constructed within existing road rights-of-way and on private easements adjacent to roads.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

This is a Type II action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(2). It consequently requires the preparation of an environmental assessment to determine whether an environmental impact statement is necessary under Wis. Stat. § 1.11. Persons wishing to comment on the

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environmental aspects of this case should send comments to Michael John Jaeger, Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854.

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Questions regarding this matter may be directed to docket coordinator Jeff Murley at (608) 267-1207.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, \_\_\_\_\_

By the Commission:

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Lynda L. Dorr  
Secretary to the Commission

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